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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND MEMORANDUM
RESULTING FROM SRG/CG MEETINGS ON SEPTEMBER 28-29, 1976:

A. JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH SENIOR REVIEW GROUP
MEETING.

1. INSISTENCE BE MADE TO NATIONAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL
AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR THEIR FULL COLLA-
BORATION IN EFFECTING ADEQUATE CONTROL OF ANIMAL MOVEMENTS.
IT IS NECESSARY TO REVIEW PRESENT LEGISLATION PERTAINING
TO THIS, AND RECOMMEND THE MODIFICATIONS WHICH WILL PERMIT
A MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF ANIMAL MOVEMENTS AND
ENFORCEMENT OF SANITARY REGULATIONS.

2. STRENGTHEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CONTROL POSTS BET-
WEEN AREAS II AND III. NEED FOR MORE MANPOWER AND TO
MAINTAIN 24 HOURS OPERATION OF THESE POSTS.

3. IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF FMD OUTBREAKS IN
AREA II, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE QUALITY OF THE VACCINE BE
IMPROVED.

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THE LOTS OF FMD VACCINE PREPARED BY VECOL WHICH WILL

BE APPLIED IN AREA II WILL BE POTENCY TESTED IN BOVINES. THE DIRECTOR AND SR. TECHNICAL ADVISOR WILL LOOK FOR THE MECHANISMS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TESTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES OF FMD VACCINE CONTROL OF ICA. THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE DIRECTOR AND SR. TECHNICAL ADVISOR FOR THEIR APPROVAL PRIOR TO SHIPMENT OF VVACCINE TO AREA II. CONTINGENT UPON A VIABLE VACCINE AND AVAILABLE FUNDS, OTHER ASPECTS OF THE VACCINATION PROGRAM WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE 100 P/C VACCINATION IN AREA II. IN THE SAME MANNER, APPROPRIATE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO INSURE VIGILANCE IN CRITICAL LOCATIONS, SUCH AS THE CATTLE MARKET IN MEDELLIN.

4. THE DIRECTOR AND SR. TECHNICAL ADVISOR WILL REVIEW PROPOSED 1977 BUDGET AND MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM ALL SOURCES. THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO REVIEW PERIODICALLY THE BUDGET AND MAKE THE REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS.
5. REQUEST THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, THE CREATION OF A POSITION OF PERMANENT FISCAL AUDITOR IN AREA II TO CONTROL ACTIVITIES OF ICA AND INDERENA.
6. SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON ACTIVITIES IN AREA I TO GUARANTEE THE FMD FREE STATUS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES STATED IN THE AGREEMENT. IN RELATION TO THIS, IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT INDERENA DEFINE THE LEGAL SITUATION AND REGULATIONS OF THE PROTECTED FOREST ZONE.
7. IT IS CONVENIENT THAT THE INVESTIGATION PROJECT MAINTAIN A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PLUM ISLAND, PAN AMERICAN FMD CENTER, AND OTHER RELATED ENTITIES IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT OIL VACCINE TESTS.
8. THE AGREEMENT NEEDS TO BE STUDIED WITH THE VIEW OF MAKING THE REQUIRED MODIFICATIONS TO INSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THE PROGRAM WHEN THE PRESENT ONE EXPIRES.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF A BINATIONAL STUDY GROUP. THE TECHNICAL CONSULTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COOPERATIVE PROJECT ICA-USDA AGREES TO ESTABLISH A BINATIONAL STUDY GROUP, MADE UP OF THREE DELEGATES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND THREE DELEGATES OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO PREPARE UNDER MUTUAL AGREEMENT A PRELIMINARY DOCUMENT

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ADDRESSED TO THE CONSULTIVE COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING THE BASIS FOR THE EXTENSION AND/OR ENLARGEMENT OF THE EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD THE ERADICATION OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN COLOMBIA.

C. MEMORANDUM OF MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, SEPTEMBER 29, 1976:

RECOGNIZING THAT THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION IS PREPARED TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY ONCE THE PRESENT IMPEDIMENTS (FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AND THE INJUNCTION) ARE OVERCOME:

1. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FEDERAL HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION PRESS AHEAD WITH THE APPROPRIATE STUDIES AND EFFORTS TO OVERCOME THE JUDICIAL RESTRAINTS TO ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY; AND

2. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION SEEK WAYS TO COMPLETE THE STUDIES SO AS TO BE ABLE TO INITIATE CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS AS SOON AS SUCH IMPEDIMENTS ARE OVERCOME.

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